

## Message Text

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R 051635Z MAR 76  
FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4012  
INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY RABAT

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS PINT AG FR US  
SUBJECT: EL MOUDJAHID BOMBERS: ALGERIANS FAIL TO PLAY UP "AMERICAN  
CONNECTION"

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1. PRESS MARCH 5 PUBLISHES TESTIMONY OF MEN INVOLVED IN  
BOMBING OF FLN DAILY EL MOUDJAHID'S ALGIERS OFFICE JAN 3  
AND EDITORIAL ENTITLED SIMPLY "THE LESSON." BOTH  
TESTIMONY AND EDITORIAL STRESS LINKS OF PLOTTERS WITH  
UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS IN FRANCE, BUT GIVE ALMOST NO PLAY  
TO APPARENT AMERICAN NATIONALITY OF JAY SALBY, ONE OF  
THREE MEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH. SALBY DESCRIBED SIMPLY AS  
MERCENARY ADVENTURER WHO HAD BEEN AT ALL WORLD'S "HOT  
SPOTS." LACK OF CONCERN ABOUT SALBY'S ORIGINS REFLECTED  
AT FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE TWO HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS HAVE  
TOLD US THEY UNSURE WHERE HE IS FROM.

2. ALGERIANS HAVE ALLOWED SALBY'S ALLEGED AMERICAN  
CITIZENSHIP TO GO UNMENTIONED FOR TWO MONTHS AND NOW IT  
HAS SURFACED, NOT EDITORIALIZING ABOUT IT. UNCLEAR  
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TO US WHY ALGERIANS NOT EXPLOITING THIS "AMERICAN

CONNECTION." THEY RARELY DEMONSTRATE FORBEARANCE IN THIS  
REGARD AND HAVE USED MUCH MORE TENUOUS EVIDENCE IN PAST  
AS BASIS FOR DIATRIBES AGAINST US. PERHAPS THEY DO NOT  
WISH TO BLUR FOCUS ON FRENCH MALFEASANCE.LYNE

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